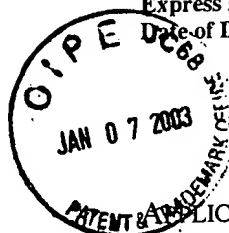


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the October 7, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$205.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-585A.

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